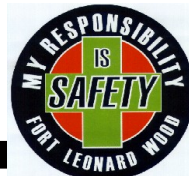




SAFETY ALERT 05-20

tary Vehicle Strikes Pedestrian



31 August 2005

On 30 Aug 2005, at approximately 1045 hours, at the intersection of Minnesota Avenue and Oklahoma Avenue, a pedestrian was struck by a military vehicle. A student driver was operating the vehicle, an MK-48/14 Logistics Vehicle System (LVS), with an instructor as the assistant driver. The student driver of the LVS was traveling east on Minnesota Avenue to the intersection of Minnesota Avenue and Oklahoma Avenue. The vehicle operator proceeded to the stop sign, stopped, and was instructed to make a right turn onto Oklahoma Avenue. Two Government Chevrolet Avalanche vehicles were parked off Oklahoma Avenue on the west side of the road, 20 meters south of the intersection. The two drivers of the parked vehicles were standing between the driver's side of their vehicles and Oklahoma Avenue. The student driver executed a wide right turn onto Oklahoma Avenue, but did not cross the center yellow lines. The driver began to correct the wide right turn and overcorrected the vehicle. At the same time, he was manually disengaging the turn signal, distracting him from paying attention to his driving. The LVS also has an articulating steering system, making the vehicle easy to overcorrect by an inexperienced driver. The LVS driver, upon overcorrecting the vehicle, passed the white line on the side of the road, clipping the bystander. An ambulance was contacted and the victim was taken to the General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital and treated for minor injuries.

Lessons we can learn from this accident:

- Instructors should strongly emphasize to inexperienced student drivers of the LVS that the unique steering system of the vehicle can easily result in overcorrection of the vehicle.
- Drivers of all vehicles must always pay close attention to their driving.
- Persons parked beside roads should pay close attention to the surroundings and stay clear of parked vehicles and roadways.

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